

WOULD HAVE A RAZOR ANYHOW

A Henrico Negro Makes One From a Shoe Spring.

ARGUED FOR A NEW TRIAL

Attorney English Seeks Another Chance for Austin Johnson.

When prisoners left the Henrico jail last week and the week before, it was noticed that they were clean shaven and that their heads were, with few exceptions, shaved. It was a source of surprise to the officers for a time, but none began an inquisitorial investigation for the reason that it was surmised that one of the other keepers had allowed a barber to enter the jail and prepare the prisoners for their departure out into the wide, wide world.

But two or three days ago an officer chanced to walk through the corridor of the jail and found a negro propped against the iron bars with his head white with tar soap. Another negro, Dan Reynolds, was doing the barber act, and was making a good job of it.

No knives or razors are allowed in the jail and the officers asked for the weapon. It was given him after he had permitted the shaving of the scalp to progress to a finish.

The razor captured is an example of the old adage that "need is the mother of invention." The blade was made from the spring in a shoe. This blade is encased in a tin shield made from the rim of a bucket. The handle is rudely cut, but answers every purpose.

Reynolds claims that he did not make the weapon, but that it was given to him by a prisoner who was turned out about two weeks ago. The spring of the shoe was pure steel and when ground on the rocks in the cell it made an excellent razor, as shown by the artistic work that was being done with it.

It is now in the possession of the jail authorities.

Another Wire Cutter.

William Yancey, a negro, was arrested Sunday by Special Officer of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, upon a charge of being an accomplice of James Lewis, alias James Bagger and James Hiler, the two men who are charged with cutting the feed wire of the street railway company on the Seven Pines line. Yancey was seen to get off the car with Lewis, and Hiler on the night that the wire was cut and he is held as an accomplice.

All three of the men will be tried next Saturday before Squire Lewis in the county.

Motion for New Trial.

In the Circuit Court room in Richmond yesterday, Judge Scott, of Henrico county, heard the motion of Attorney Edgar B. English for a new trial for his client, Austin Johnson, the negro who has been convicted of criminal assault upon little Ruth Pinchbeck, and who is to hang on July 20th. Judge Scott took the matter under consideration and will render a decision to-morrow morning.

In his argument to the court, Mr. English brought out the fact that there was evidence discovered after the trial. He presented affidavits to disprove statements of the prosecuting witnesses and laid stress upon the alibi presented by the condemned negro, which he claimed had not been refuted by the witnesses for the other side.

Johnson in the meantime is keeping silence in the jail. He talks a very little to the prisoners who congregate in the corridors at times and even when his relatives have visited him, he has refrained from discussing the case in any way.

Wanted Examination.

Samuel King, a negro of about thirty-five years of age, was held for the grand jury yesterday by Squire Thomas, of Henrico county, on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon his sixteen-year-old stepdaughter, King, through his attorney, Mr. Moncure, of the firm of Smith, Moncure and Gordon, waived preliminary examination.

Constable Burch arrested the negro near Glen Allen last week.

Wouldn't Take Him Back.


Howard McElroy, a young white man, now serving a sixty days' sentence in the Henrico jail upon a charge of trespassing upon the property of the railroad, is a confessed deserter from the United States navy, yet it seems that the au-



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Coney Island Animal Trainer and His Bride Made Full Confession—Wife Tells of Proposal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, June 25.—Mystery surrounding the visit to this country of the Princess de Montigny, of Belgium, was cleared away yesterday when it was learned that she and Captain Jack Bonavita, chief animal trainer for Bestock, were secretly married in Paris on April 26th. It was just before the animals were shipped in Captain Jack's charge on the Minneapolis, which arrived on May 9th.

The Princess arrived on the same vessel, and has been a constant visitor at the performances of the Bestock show at Coney Island, but it was not suspected that she had more than a passing interest in the man who last year so nearly lost his life by having a lion turn on him and bite his right arm so severely that it had to be amputated.

It was this bad fortune which was turned into good for the captain. The princess had frequently seen the trainer in the Paris Hippodrome, but had never met him, when one day last March one of her friends pointed him out, saying, "There is a poor man who cannot live long."

"We were not introduced at all," said

authorities do not desire him to return. McElroy was first arrested about four weeks ago in Manchester upon the charge of being a deserter. Patrolman Wymack and Sergeant Wright worked the case against him. It was learned that he had traded his sailor's clothes for an old suit. When the naval authorities failed to answer a query of Chief of Police Lipscomb, of Manchester, the young man was discharged. He remained in Manchester and Richmond for some time, and was presumably intending to leave by the freight route when he was caught by the special officers and charged with trespassing.

Will Probated.

The will of Edward Cain was filed for probate in the Henrico County Court yesterday. Mrs. Annie Alexander Cain, widow of the deceased, and Mr. James Lamb, qualified as executors and gave bond for \$75,000.

The testator leaves \$53,000 in personal and real estate property to his widow, and the rest is divided between Charles E. Cain and James Cain, Jr., nephews; Mary Keating and Ellen Shortle.

Tobacco Association.

The United States Tobacco Association

will hold its annual meeting at Old Point next week.

All the manufacturers, dealers and exporters of tobacco of Richmond are invited to attend. The association embraces membership in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Missouri, New York and other States.

The convention will be called to order in the assembly room of the Chamberlin Hotel July 4, when the various committees will submit their reports. One of the most important reports will be that on parcel postage.

The committee on national legislation will have the important work of ascertaining how better tariff arrangements can be made with a great many countries to which the United States is debbarred from shipping its tobacco on account of prohibitory tariff.

President Carrington will read his annual report at the second day's session of the convention, when speeches will also be made by prominent citizens. Officers will be chosen at the third day's session. Among those from this city who will attend the convention will be Messrs. L. B. Vaughan, C. D. Larus, W. T. Hancock, E. K. Noble, J. L. Wingo, John C. Hagan, E. K. Victor, Silas Shelburne, W. T. Hazell and a large number of buyers for various establishments.

Reports on the condition of the tobacco markets throughout the country will be read. It is estimated that the outlook for the forthcoming crop is very bright.

Judgement Was Allowed.

In the Circuit Court in the case of Charles H. Elliott and Company against Everett Wadley and Company, judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$30.38 was allowed.

MURDER TRIAL BEGINS TO-DAY

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that this order applies to any other physician as well.

We had intended to use Dr. Rucker and other physicians as witnesses in behalf of Mrs. Smith, and we regard this action as an interference with our preparation for trial, and as a practical denial of our client's constitutional rights. Dr. Rucker, we understand, took the position that he would not attend a patient where he was subjected to such surveillance. The question is one which each physician will settle for himself; but we have reason to believe that every self-respecting physician will take the same stand. But, however that may be, we claim on behalf of our client the right to have reputable physicians talk with and examine her free from any such supervision. Our client has not been convicted, but is held in custody to await trial, and we respectfully submit that she should be allowed every right in preparation for trial that is allowed a person not in custody, so far as the same does not conflict with the proper management and discipline of the jail.

If this right is denied us, it will greatly hinder us in our defense, and it is impossible for us to be prepared for trial at the time appointed, to-wit: June 27th.

We respectfully request that Your Honor will issue such an order as will correct this condition of affairs. We beg to remain, Your Honor's most obedient servants,

(Signed) H. M. SMITH, JR., E. H. WELLS.

Judge's Reply.

To which letter Judge Clifton replied: Manchester, Va., June 3, 1905.

Messrs. H. M. Smith, Jr., and E. H. Wells, Attorneys at Law, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sirs,—Your note of the 1st instant, relating to Dr. Rucker's visiting your client, Mrs. S. K. Smith, in the city jail, has been duly considered.

The sergeant was acting under my orders, which were general and applicable to all prisoners and all physicians. I can see no reason why this rule should be altered in this case, unless good cause can be shown to me, which has not yet been done.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM I. CLOPTON.

Are at Loss.

Messrs. Smith and Wells then replied: June 15, 1905.

Hon. William I. Clifton, Judge of the Corporation Court, Manchester, Va.:

Dear Sir,—We are in due receipt of your letter dated June 3d, and have given the same very careful consideration. You say "you can see no reason why this general rule should be altered in this case, unless good cause can be shown to me, which has not yet been done."

We are really at a loss to know what reason or facts we can give in addition to those contained in our letter of June 1st as to why this rule should be altered.

We have stated and now repeat that we wish to have several physicians of the highest standing in the profession examine our client, with a view to making witnesses of them. We believe this course will prove of material advantage to our client.

We object to this examination in the presence of the jail physician for the very apparent reason that he would feel free to report all that was said by our client to the Commonwealth's attorney. We can imagine no other reason for his being present if you wish advantage in support of your case, or of the health standing of these physicians, we will be happy to furnish the same.

We have already lost very valuable time in the preparation of our defense and would again ask that this order be changed, and if what we have said will not produce the result that then some intimation may be given us as to what will be considered good cause for so doing.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) H. M. SMITH, JR., E. H. WELLS.

The Final Rejoinder.

Judge Clifton sent his final answer to the requests in the following letter:

Manchester, June 17.

H. M. Smith, Jr., and E. H. Wells, Esq., Counsel for Estelle Smith:

Gentlemen,—Your note of June 13th has been received, and your request is being given us as to what will be considered good cause for so doing.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) H. M. SMITH, JR., E. H. WELLS.

Examined By Experts.

There seems to be every reason to believe that the defense will make strenuous efforts to have Mrs. Smith examined by expert medical men and that every claim will be taken for a delay in the trial of the case until such an examination can be made. It is a fact that rumors that one plea of the defense will be insanity, and that several witnesses will be brought from Fluvanna county, who will prove that the dead body was addicted to evil habits for which he was so severely and persistently punished.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard K. Smith lived in a small house on the grounds for Manchester with their two children, boys of seven and two years of age. They were quiet people, who did not associate with the neighbors. It was known that they were Northern people, who had lived in Columbia, Virginia, before coming to Manchester. Smith worked as a horse clipper in Richmond.

On the night of April 26th, the neighbors heard a loud cry from the house and were later called by Mrs. Smith, who said that her oldest boy was ill. Upon reaching the home, the neighbors found the boy dead, and a body naked and covered with bruises and sores. On the floor was a razor strap, with which the mother had been beating the child when he died.


The Arrest.

The woman was arrested and taken to jail. The body of the child was subjected to a post-mortem examination and buried. It was examined and another post-mortem was held by Dr. Eunice Williams for the defense. This was done to prove that the statement made by Mrs. Smith that the child was addicted to evil practices and that she had beaten him in an endeavor to cure him.

Smith, the father, in the meanwhile, had disappeared and with him the funds of his employer. He was found and arrested in New York. Sergeant Wright, of the Manchester police force, was sent to Albany with a requisition paper, which were accepted, and Smith was brought to the Manchester jail.

Mrs. Smith belongs to an excellent New York family and is well connected in Virginia. Her husband, too, is related to prominent people in New York city.

It is said that they ran a gambling and married life that Mrs. Smith's family did not know that she was a married



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woman until some months after the ceremony. Although every effort has been made to ascertain the date and place of the marriage, it has been of no avail. Sergeant Saunders states that both the Smiths have been excellent prisoners, and that they have given him no trouble. He also states that they are both anxious for the trial to take place, as they are confident of acquittal.

WANT MR. GLENN'S SEAT

Two Candidates Already Mentioned—No Resignation Yet.

Mr. Glenn, who led the ticket for the House of Delegates in the primary, has not yet handed in his resignation as member of the Council from Madison Ward. Despite this fact, however, two candidates are not after the "vacancy" to be Mr. E. H. Clowes, who has served two terms from Madison Ward, and who resigned on account of his business engagements, is prominently mentioned for the position. Mr. E. M. Eppes, who is said to have the endorsement of a majority of the delegates, is very sure that he will sit in Mr. Glenn's seat.

Governor Home To-morrow.

Governor Montague was absent from his office yesterday, being in Fluvanna county, where he was held yesterday in the interest of his candidacy for senator. He will go from Fluvanna to the Governor's Fifth District county of Cumberland, where he will make an address to-day.

To-morrow morning the Governor will return to the city and will remain in his office until Thursday. Further than this his plans are not announced. The correspondence work in the Governor's campaign headquarters in the Foxhollow Hotel, continues fairly heavy, and the Governor is expected to be here some little while longer, but the Governor has little time to devote to it himself. Many local supporters are looking after organizing his followers here.

New National Depository.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw has notified Internal Revenue Collector Asa Rogers of the designation of the Virginia National Bank, of Petersburg, as a government depository, and instructed the collector to deposit his Petersburg collections there. This bank was formerly the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company, but about May 1st was converted into a national bank under the name stated. It has a capital stock of \$200,000. Mr. A. Wright, of Petersburg, is president.

Decamped in Borrowed Duds.

William Brown, the trusty negro convict, employed as a Librarian and Governor's Mansion, who decamped a few days ago with Librarian Kennedy's trousers, Mr. John Snyder's hat and somebody's coat, leaving in their stead a large pair of breeches, has not been heard from up to this time. He did not write a note to ask the employees of the library to "put my little shoes away." Brown had had a fight with another convict and it is believed that fear of the punishment for this induced him to screw his courage to the sticking point and skip.

Increase Postoffice Force.

Postmaster Wray T. Knight will on June 1st increase the number of his carriers, as already announced, but expects to add three additional clerks. These clerks and carriers are justified by the heavy increase in business in the Richmond office, the revenue from the point being large per capita and rapidly increasing. The three senior employees on the eligible list as ascertained by the civil service examinations will land the positions as carriers.

GOVERNMENT FAVORS RIDING IN CARRIAGES

But Seems to Disapprove of Its Employees Using the Street Cars.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., June 26.—A gentleman here, employed by the government, was considerable non-plussed yesterday in having his expense account returned with several items disallowed. What impressed him as rather peculiar was the allowance of two items of a dollar and a half each, for carriage hire, and the disallowance of two items of ten cents each car fare. Two of the establishments he visited were about two miles distant off and off the car line, necessitating a carriage on each occasion. The other two happened to be on the car line, but at different extremities, requiring car transportation. His contract with the government authorized transportation expenses. He says he cannot understand how the government sees any economy in requiring its agents to hire carriages at one dollar and a half to save the expense of ten cents car fare.

City people insist that rain is badly needed here, where there has been three weeks of drought. Farmers from the country declare crops have improved wonderfully since the heavy rainy period ceased three weeks ago; that corn never promised better and the harvest season has been an ideal one.

Mr. C. D. Bonbow, probably the largest farmer in the county, began harvesting wheat two weeks ago to-day. He had three hundred acres in wheat. All the smooth headed wheat was dead ripe, and he, fearing the loss of a large portion of the crop, purchased an additional harvester and binder, and says it has



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